

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Electroplating System Having)
Auxiliary Electrode Exterior To)
Main Reactor Chamber For Contact)
Cleaning Operations)
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Serial No.: 09/977410)
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.607

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607, Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared between this application and U.S. Patent No. 6,132,587. Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On p. 1, under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications", please replace the current paragraph with the following new paragraph:

- -The present application is a continuation of USSN 09/387,338 filed 8/31/99, which 6,270,647
is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/940,670, filed 9/30/97, and a continuation-in- pdg
part of USSN 08/940,930, filed 9/30/97, now USP 6,099,712; the present application
is also a continuation-in-part of USSN 09/618,707, filed 7/18/00, which is a divisional pdg
of USSN 08/991,062 filed 12/15/97, now USP 6,091,498; USSN 08/991,062 is a
continuation-in-part of both USSN 08/940,524 filed 9/30/97 (abandoned) and USSN
08/680,056 filed 7/15/96 (abandoned); USSN 08/940,524, filed 9/30/97 is a
continuation-in-part of 08/680,057 filed 7/15/96, now USP 5,980,706; all of the
foregoing patents and patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference. - -